

1 penalty to a pickpocket or give a two-year sentence for
2 murder.

3 The states attorneys from Baltimore City has
4 stated that four times as many people are requesting jury
5 trials than did four years ago.

6 This is a 400 percent increase. If we are
7 talking about an increased cost to taxpayers, we better
8 think about a six-man jury in a lower court than a 12-man
9 jury in every single case.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bamberger.

11 DELEGATE BAMBERGER: While we think about the
12 cost of taxpayers, we ought to think about some tradi-
13 tions which are called sacred. There are some traditions
14 which are sacred.

15 This amendment intends to accomplish an amend-
16 ment which was rejected by this Committee. No where in the
17 judiciary article is there a limit of the jurisdiction
18 which the General Assembly may infer upon the court.

19 As Delegate Dulany says, the legislature may
20 impose the death penalty for picking pockets. It is also
21 true that that offense may be tried in the district